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Sewage spill reported at Lydgate Park in Wailua

WAILUA – County officials are notifying the public of a wastewater spill this morning at 8:15 a.m. from the Wailua Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The wastewater spill flowed into Lydgate Park and has been contained. Signs have been posted to inform the public to stay out of the affected area.

The spill is a result of heavy rainfall in the area, causing storm water to enter the sewer system (inflow and infiltration (I/I)) and overwhelm the Wailua WWTP. Officials estimate that approximately 20,000 gallons of secondary treated wastewater spilled from the Wailua WWTP over a 60-minute period. The spill was contained at approximately 9:15 a.m.

In order to keep up with the ongoing high flows at the Wailua WWTP, the County is sending treated effluent through its permitted ocean outfall. However, because of the high flows and its impact on the treatment process at the Wailua WWTP, the County requests that the public avoid the ocean in the vicinity of Lydgate Park and the Wailua Golf Course until further notice.

State Department of Health officials have been notified about the spill.

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